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- 1. The Omsk (55015: 1/73025:11) Tank Plant, designated Vereshilov Plant No 17h, was installed Curing the war in the plant of the former Stalin Locomotive and Mailroad Car Legair works. In 1912 it started the production of T-31 tanks. Other plants in Omsk also producing tank parts during the war were the sytotrake tordetail Plant, which manufactures engine and gear parts, and sibzaved which, located on the Brasny Puty Mivor, manufactured gears, cylinders and gear wheels. There is no postwar information on the production of tank parts in these last two plants.
- 2. Plant No 174 had a monthly quota of 240 tanks at the end of the war. In addition to tank production, repair work on locomotives had already been resumed by the end of 1945. The plant builds medium
- 3. A new tyre tank produced in October 1948 Leighed 32 tons, and was 10 to 11 meters long, 3.5 reters wide, about 4 meters high, and 75 cm from the ground. Its tracks were 30 to 40 cm wide and its cruising speed was 65 to 70 km. This tank was armed with one 88-mm gun with muzzle brake, one fixed heavy machine gun on each side of the turret, and a 22-mm AA gun set in a ball-ard-socket joint in the top of the turret. The machine guns had an automatic firing mechanism. About 130 stells for the Commandum could be stored in the tank, 12 to 15 in the amounition storage charber below the seat of the tank commander and the remainder in the amunition storage chamber in the rear part of the tank under the tool box. About 2,000 rounds of AA ammunition were stored in three amountion boxes, one below the seat of the Atomner and one on each side of the turret. Three hundred and fifty of machine cun amountion were kept in feed boxes. The tank was built for a five-man crow, consisting of the tank commander, the Appuner, the driver, the radio operator and the loader. The radio operator, who sat on a swivel chair, could also be eployed as driver and in an energency could hand arrunition from the ampunition box to the loader in the front part of the tank. The tank was

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staered by stick central, which could be replaced by wheel control in case of a breakdown. *

* See Annex 1 for sketch of this tank.

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1 Annex: New

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Comment: General shape of tank radically different from that of known Soviet types. No 88 mm guns or 22 mm AA guns are known to be used by the Soviets today.

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Legend to Annex.

- Tank commander
- AA gunner
- Driver
- Radio operator and rear driver
- Loader
- 88-mm gun 6a Muzzle brake
- 7 22-nm AA gun
- 7a Magazine
- 8 Two heavy machine guns (fixed), one at each side of turret.
- 8a Machine gun belt drums
- 8b Trigger for the automatic firing mechanism
- 9 Ammunition boxes for 89-mm shells
- 10 Three ammunition boxes for 22-mm shells
- 11 Engines
- 12 Stick control mechanisms
- 13 Direct vision slots
- 14 Bogie roller
- 15 Hatch
- 16 Emergency hatch 17 Armor plates, 8 18 Tool box Armor plates, 8 to 10 cm thick
- Tool box
- 19 Sighting mechanism
- 20 Turret
- 21 Wheel control, used if the stick control fails b Front view of the tank (note position of tracks)
- C View of tank turret and gun from above.

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